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Title: METHOD & STRUCTURE FOR  
EFFICIENTLY RETRIEVING STATUS FOR  
SCSI ACCESSED FAULT-TOLERANT  
ENCLOSURE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 70-87.

El 1. 54.(previously amended) A method for communicating to a host system a numerically variable characteristic of a subsystem, said method comprising the steps of:

said subsystem receiving a request from said host system to monitor said numerically variable characteristic of said subsystem and report to said host system a value of said characteristic or an amount of change of said characteristic when a minimum numerical amount of said change occurs, said request specifying said minimum numerical amount of said change; and

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